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Dear Colleagues,

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We are pleased to invite you to our annual **Beltsville Strawberry Field Day** at the USDA-ARS Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. We will meet rain or shine, on **Wednesday, May 26**, starting in the conference room of Building 010A, (Horticultural Sciences Building), and then travel by bus and van to the field plots.

Scheduled Events

Conference Room:

Registration will begin at **9:30am** and includes **light refreshments** and a brief welcome from our administrators.

Dr. Beverly Clevidence from the Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center will tell us about accessing their nutrition databases for nutritional information on strawberry and other foods.

Field Tour Stops (there's time to go on both, so you don't have to choose):

Dr. Kim Lewers will lead the **cultivar development tour stop**, including: 1) Antioxidant capacity of strawberries (Dr. Shioh Wang); 2) bacterial angular leafspot disease of strawberry (Dr. John Hartung); 3) heat tolerance in strawberry (Dr. Janet Slovin); and 4) the strawberry breeding program.

Dr. Brent Black will lead the **production tour stop**, featuring: 1) strawberry production system comparison; 2) black root rot research; and 3) and autumn berry as an alternative crop.

Pizza and sodas will be available at the end of these two stops for those who want to grab a bite before heading home, or before touring the **strawberry seedling field**. As in years past, we will provide all who are interested with marker flags to let you cast your vote on what may be the next great strawberry cultivar from among the seedlings!

If you do plan to join us, please try to arrive before we depart to the fields (10:30?). Due to security, fields may be barred with locked gates. Transportation to the fields will be provided with a USDA bus and/or van.

Directions: Take I-95/I-495, the Capital Beltway to exit 25 (Route 1, Baltimore Avenue NORTH). After 1/2 mile you will see the 14-story National Agricultural Library on the right and a new IKEA store on the left. BARC is on the left past the IKEA entrance, and **we have a new protected left turn lane!** Pass the entrance to Circle Drive, and turn right at the stop sign (First Street). Take the first left, go down the hill into the parking lot on the southeast corner of Building 010A. The parking lot will be reserved for Strawberry Field Day guests. Go in the main entrance (east side of building) to 010A and into the conference room on your left.

I hope you can take some time out in this busy season to join us! We value the opportunity to hear from you as well as to give you a look at what we are doing.

Looking forward to seeing you!

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